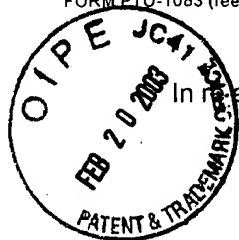


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Docket: D-2924



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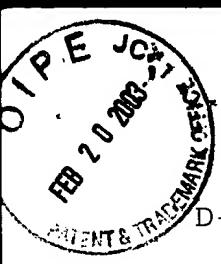
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RESPONSE B

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Dear Sir:

This is submitted in response to an Office Action mailed on November 15, 2002 for the above identified patent application.

Please amend the patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1, 18, and 26 as follows:

- B1*
1. (Twice Amended) A composite having a length, the composite comprising:
an outer layer comprising a first polymeric material;
a core layer circumscribed by the outer layer and comprising